



# Working in the Legislative Council

A unique Professional Development Program for public sector officers

## About the program

The working in the Legislative Council program is a 12-week professional development initiative. It is offered to outstanding departmental officers who want to gain first-hand experience of the operations of Parliament, including Legislative Council committees and the annual Budget Estimates process. This year the program runs from 15 August to 4 November 2016.

The successful applicant will play a major role in the administration of the 2016-17 Budget Estimates hearings scheduled for 29 August to 2 September 2016.

Participants will also be able to observe parliamentary procedure during the Spring parliamentary session.

Here is what a former participant had to say about their experience:

*The working in the Legislative Council Program is a wonderful opportunity for departmental staff to experience the functions of the Upper House and learn about the operations of Parliament. During my time I was involved in the administration of the 2014 – 2015 Budget Estimates hearings, learned the powers and procedures of the House within the Procedure Office and worked with the team on a Committee Inquiry, a highlight of my time in the program. I strongly encourage anyone interested in working in a high functioning supportive team on exciting parliamentary inquiries to apply. I really enjoyed my time working in the Legislative Council and would love to work in the team again.*

**Sarah Dunn, 2014 program participant**

## Eligibility

The program is open to high performing Clerk Grade 7/8 or 9/10 or equivalent NSW public sector officers. The successful applicant's agency will be required to meet their officer's salary costs during the placement. Participants are not eligible to apply for a position in the Council during or for six months following the end of the placement.

## To apply

Please forward your application package to Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments, by email to [budget.estimateds@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:budget.estimateds@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Your application package should include a copy of a completed application form and a covering letter (maximum two pages) addressing the targeted questions. The application form and the targeted questions can be downloaded via the following parliamentary website:

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/key/TheWorkingintheLCProgram>

Applications close on **COB, Monday 27 June 2016**. Interviews will be held soon after this date.

To find out more information on the program please contact Ms Emma Rogerson, Council Officer, Committees by email to [budget.estimateds@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:budget.estimateds@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or by telephone (02) 9230 2898.